

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a supplier interface, comprising:
 - a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 - b) aggregating the data in a database;
 - c) receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier parameters;
 - d) extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in response to the request;
 - e) transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the network;
 - f) adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on the information; and
 - g) calculating a predicted amount of raw materials for a given level of sales of goods sold by the store; and
 - h) comparing an amount of raw materials sold to a store and the predicted amount of raw materials for the given level of sales of goods, to thereby provide an indication of a level of discrepancy.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of the required goods.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the stores include restaurants.
6. (Currently amended) A system for providing a supplier interface, comprising:
an electronic storage; and
one or more processors that use the electronic storage and include among them the following logic
 - a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 - b) logic for aggregating the data in a database;
 - c) logic for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier parameters;
 - d) logic for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in response to the request;
 - e) logic for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the network;
 - f) logic for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on the information;
 - g) logic for calculating a predicted amount of raw materials for a given level of sales of goods sold by the store; and
 - h) logic for comparing an amount of raw materials sold to a store and the predicted amount of raw materials for the given level of sales of goods, to thereby provide an indication of a level of discrepancy.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of the required goods.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the stores include restaurants.

11. (Currently amended) A computer program product for providing a supplier interface, comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein to be executed by a computer, the computer readable program code comprising:

a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;

b) computer code for aggregating the data in a database;

c) computer code for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier parameters;

d) computer code for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in response to the request;

e) computer code for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the network;

f) computer code for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on the information;

g) computer code for calculating a predicted amount of raw materials for a given level of sales of goods sold by the store; and

h) computer code for comparing an amount of raw materials sold to a store and the predicted amount of raw materials for the given level of sales of goods, to thereby provide an indication of a level of discrepancy.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of the required goods.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the Internet.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the stores include restaurants.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a supplier interface, comprising:

- a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
- b) aggregating the data in a database;
- c) receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier parameters;
- d) extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in response to the request;
- e) transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the network;
- f) adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on the information;
- g) displaying an amount of raw materials sold to a store on a same page or screen as a recipe-predicted forecast for the raw ~~material~~-materials based on the amount of the

goods sold by the store, to thereby permit a comparison and determination of variance due to errors or loss; and

h) determining a percentage of cost of the ~~good goods~~ goods attributable to the raw ~~material~~ materials.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a supplier interface, comprising:

an electronic storage; and

one or more processors that use the electronic storage and include among them the following logic

a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;

b) logic for aggregating the data in a database;

c) logic for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier parameters;

d) logic for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in response to the request;

e) logic for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the network;

f) logic for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on the information;

g) logic for displaying an amount of raw materials sold to a store on a same page or screen as a recipe-predicted forecast for the raw ~~material~~ materials based on the amount of the goods sold by the store, to thereby permit a comparison and determination of variance due to errors or loss; and

h) logic for determining a percentage of cost of the ~~good goods~~ goods attributable to the raw ~~material~~ materials.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer program for providing a supplier interface, comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein to be executed by a computer, the computer readable program code comprising:

a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;

b) computer code for aggregating the data in a database;

c) computer code for receiving a request from a supplier, the request including a plurality of supplier parameters;

d) computer code for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier parameters in response to the request;

e) computer code for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier utilizing the network;

f) computer code for adjusting a supply of raw materials from which the goods are produced based on the information;

g) computer code for displaying an amount of raw materials sold to a store on a same page or screen as a recipe-predicted forecast for the raw ~~material~~ materials based on the amount of the goods sold by the store, to thereby permit a comparison and determination of variance due to errors or loss; and

h) computer code for determining a percentage of cost of the ~~good~~ goods attributable to the raw ~~material~~ materials.